

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-50 are pending in the present application. Claims 26, 27 and 34-50 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action , claims 33-49 were objected to; claims 26, 27, 40, 43-45 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; and claims 21-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated Joo et al.

Regarding the objection to claims 33-49, the Office Action indicates there are two claims 33 and request claims 33, 33-49 be renumbered as 33-50, respectively. Accordingly, this change has been made. Therefore, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of claims 26, 27, 40, 43-45 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the appropriate claims have been amended in light of the comments noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 21-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated by Joo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully noted that Joo et al. has a filing date of August 30, 1999, which is later than any of the claimed priority documents in the present application. This is also mentioned in the first response filed on September 18, 2006. Accordingly, to remove Joo et al. as a reference, enclosed are English translations of the claimed priority documents. Applicants respectfully submit the claimed subject matter is fully supported by the priority documents. Therefore, because Joo et al. is no longer a reference, this rejection is moot.

In addition, it is respectfully requested this amendment be entered as no new issues have been raised. That is, the claims have not been amended to overcome any cited art .

CONCLUSION

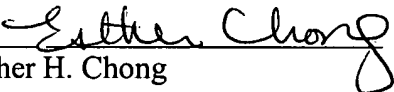
In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David Bilodeau Reg. No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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